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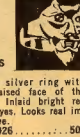

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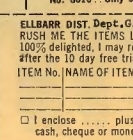

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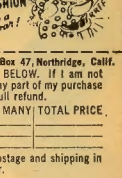

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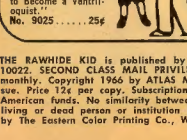

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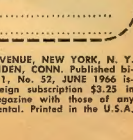

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"REVENGE AT RUSTLER'S ROOST!"
THE UNTAMED WEST WAS SETTLED BY ADVENTUROUS MEN WHO LOVED THE LAND... WHO PLOWED THE EARTH AND RAISED LIVESTOCK! BUT AFTER THOSE MEN...CAME THE SPOILERS!!
HEALTHY LOOKIN' HERD! THEY'LL BRING A GOOD PRICE AT MARKET!
BUT IT WON'T BE THEIR OWNER WHO COLLECTS IT! IT'LL BE US!
C'MON... LET'S ROUND 'EM UP!
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WE'LL SELL 'EM BELOW THE BORDER, WHERE THEY DON'T ASK *QUESTIONS!*

LET'S MOVE 'EM OUT *FAST*... BEFORE WE'RE *SPOTTED!*

SO WHAT IF WE *ARE* SPOTTED?! BUCK THOMPSON DON'T RUN FROM *NO ONE!*

BUT A HARD WORKING RANCHER DOESN'T RUN FROM TROUBLE EITHER... EVEN WHEN HE'S OUTNUMBERED...

NO, FRANK! YOU CAN'T STOP THEM BY *YOUR-SELF!* GET *JOHNNY!*

HE'S WORKING OUT IN THE *FIELD!* THERE'S NO TIME TO *REACH* HIM! BESIDES, HE'S JUST A *YOUTH!* HE WOULDN'T BE MUCH HELP!

HEY... HERE COMES THE RANCHER! THE FOOL'S GONNA *TANGLE* WITH US, ALL BY HIS *LONESOME!*

HE MUST BE TIRED OF *LIVIN'!*

THIS IS *MY* SPREAD! I'VE POURED MY SWEAT INTO IT... AND NO DANG RUSTLERS ARE GONNA REAP THE HARVEST!

GET AWAY FROM MY STOCK! *VAMOOSE!*

YOU'RE FAST WITH YOUR *MOUTH,* HOMBRE...

BUT MUCH TOO SLOW WITH YOUR *RIFLE!*

KA-POW!

I KNEW IT WOULD END LIKE THIS! OH, FRANK... WHY... WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO ME?

C'MON... LET'S MOVE 'EM OUT!

EEEE..YAA!!

BUT A NEW HIRED HAND AT THE FAR END OF THE RANCH HAS HEARD THE GUNFIRE!

THAT SHOT DIDN'T COME FROM MISTUH LOGAN'S RIFLE! IT CAME FROM A SIX-GUN! THAT MEANS TROUBLE!

THE LOGANS HAVE BEEN RIGHT GOOD TO ME... HIRIN' ME WITHOUT QUESTIONS... PAYIN' ME DECENT WAGES! IF ANYONE'S HARMED THEM, S'HELP ME, I'LL...

MISTUH LOGAN! WHAT HAPPENED?!

IT WAS RUSTLERS! THEY STOLE THE HERD AND SHOT FRANK! HE'S STILL ALIVE... BUT HE NEEDS A DOCTOR!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL HIGH-TAIL IT TO TOWN AND GET DOC SAUNDERS, PRONTO!

HERE, NIGHTWIND!

TWEET!

NO TIME TO SADDLE UP! LET'S GO, BIG FELLA! MAKE TRACKS!

LATER, A TENSE VIGIL ENDS WITH A SIGH OF RELIEF...

I'VE REMOVED THE BULLET AND CLEANED THE WOUND! HE'S WEAK, BUT HE'LL *LIVE!* SEE THAT HE GETS PLENTY OF REST!

I WILL!

I..I ALMOST BLAME MYSELF FOR THIS! IF ONLY *I'D* BEEN HERE WHEN THOSE RUSTLERS SHOWED, THINGS WOULD'VE TURNED OUT *DIFFERENT!*

HOW? HOW COULD *YOU* HAVE POSSIBLY STOPPED THOSE RUTHLESS GUNMEN? YOU DON'T EVEN CARRY A *FIREARM!*

I DIDN'T THINK I *NEEDED* TO TOTE AN IRON ANY MORE...

I THOUGHT THAT BY *HONEST HARD WORK,* I COULD BUY MYSELF A LIFE OF *PEACE* AND *QUIET!* BUT THOSE RUSTLERS SHOWED ME I WAS *WRONG!*

THEY SAID IT ALL *LOUD* AND *CLEAR!*

AND NOW I AIM TO ANSWER THEM, IN THE ONLY LINGO THEY SAVVY! *THIS!!*

YOU...YOU *DO* HAVE GUNS! JOHNNY... WHO *ARE* YOU??

I'M A FUGITIVE FROM THE LAW! I'M THE *RAWHIDE KID!*

THE RAW...I..I'VE *HEARD* OF YOU!

YEH, MOST FOLKS *HAVE!*

BUT THERE'S A MILE WIDE *DIFFERENCE* BETWEEN ME AND MUH REP! TRY TO *BELIEVE* THAT, MA'AM, IF YUH CAN!

I DON'T *NEED* TO! I'VE SEEN YOU UP *CLOSE,* JOHNNY CLAY! I *KNOW* THAT YOU'RE A *KIND, DECENT* HUMAN BEING! NO ONE WILL EVER MAKE ME BELIEVE OTHERWISE!

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C'MON, NIGHTWIND...LET'S MAKE TRACKS!

AND AS MAN AND HORSE GALLOP OFF IN A CLOUD OF DUST...

THE KID SLUGGED ME AND BUSTED JAIL!

KRAK!

HE'S AN *OUTLAW!* WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM ESCAPE!

WE *WON'T!* WE'LL ROUND UP A *POSSE* AND GO *AFTER* HIM!

HE HEADED EAST, TOWARD THE *HILLS!*

WE'VE GOTTA CATCH HIM BEFORE HE *GETS* THERE! OTHERWISE...

QUIT JAWIN'! LET'S *RIDE!*

HERE THEY *COME*, NIGHTWIND! WE COULD'VE OUT-RUN 'EM EASY, BUT THAT WOULD'VE SPOILED EVERYTHING!

I WANT THAT POSSE TO BE RIGHT ON MY *HEELS*...

...WHEN THE OUT-LAWS HIDING IN THE HILLS *SPOT* ME!

HE HAS A PASSEL A GUNS BREATHIN' DOWN HIS NECK?

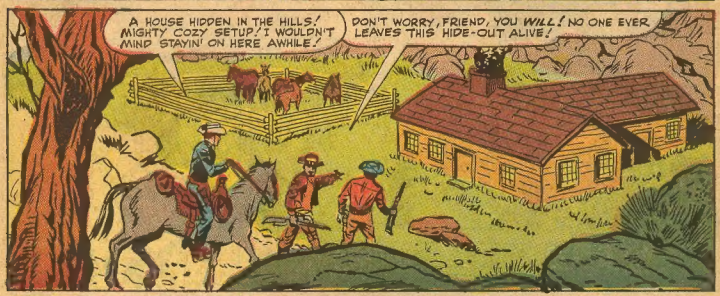
HE'S SHORE RIDIN' BENT FOR LEATHER!

LET'S GIVE 'IM A *HAND!*

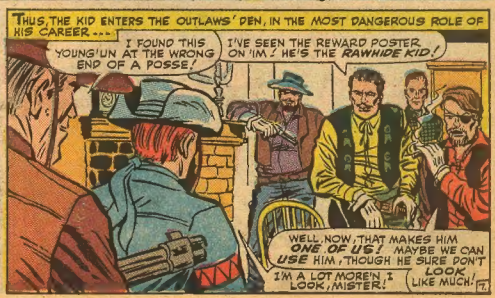
THE POSSE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE OUT THERE IN THE OPEN!
WE AIN'T ABOUT TO LET UP OUR FIRE, TO GIVE 'EM TIME TO TAKE COVER!
NO NEED TO HIT ANYONE! A FEW WARNING SHOTS'LL SHOW 'EM THE SCORE!
KRAK!
PINNNG!

THE KID'S HEADING FOR "RUSTLER'S ROOST.!"
LET HIM GO! WE CAN'T BUCK THIS RIFLE FIRE! TURN BACK!
PINNNG!
PINNNG!

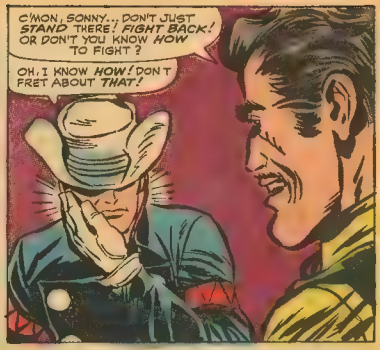
AND AS THE POSSE RETURNS TO TOWN...
I'M OBLIGED TO YUH FOR SAVIN' MUH NECK! I TAKE IT YOU BOYS DON'T LIKE THE LAW ANY MORE'N I DO!
UP HERE, WE DO THE TALKIN', STRANGER!
YUH JUST FOLLOW US!

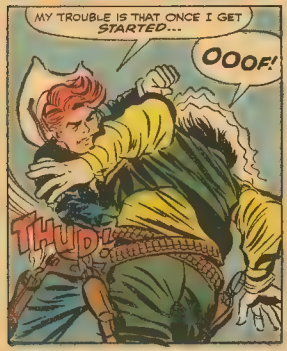

A HOUSE HIDDEN IN THE HILLS! MIGHTY COZY SETUP! I WOULDN'T MIND STAYIN' ON HERE AWHILE!
DON'T WORRY, FRIEND, YOU WILL! NO ONE EVER LEAVES THIS HIDE-OUT ALIVE!

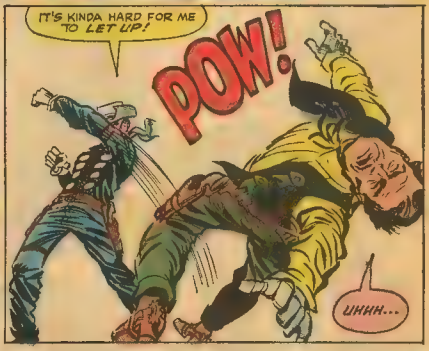
AND AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE ROAD TO TOWN...
TOO BAD WE COULDN'T CATCH THE KID IN TIME! NOW "RUSTLERS' ROOST" HAS ITSELF ANOTHER GUNHAWK!
BUT A GUNHAWK WHO'S SECRETLY WORKING WITH ME TO PUT THAT WHOLE BAND OF OWLHOOTS OUT OF BUSINESS!


THUS, THE KID ENTERS THE OUTLAWS' DEN, IN THE MOST DANGEROUS ROLE OF HIS CAREER....!
I FOUND THIS YOUNG'UN AT THE WRONG END OF A POSSE!
I'VE SEEN THE REWARD POSTER ON 'IM! HE'S THE RAWHIDE KID!
WELL, NOW, THAT MAKES HIM ONE OF US! MAYBE WE CAN USE HIM, THOUGH HE SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH!
I'M A LOT MORE'N I LOOK, MISTER!

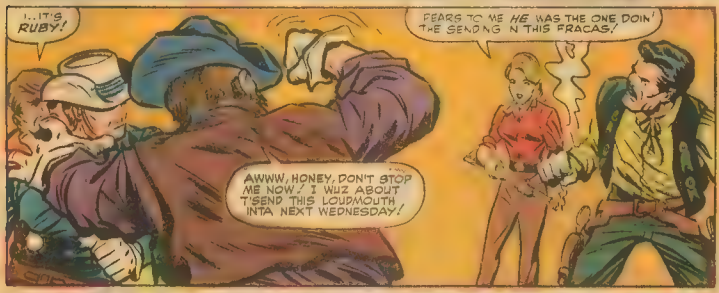
YOU SAY YOU'RE TOUGH, EH? LET'S JUST CHECK THAT OUT!
I'LL START EASY...
WHAP!

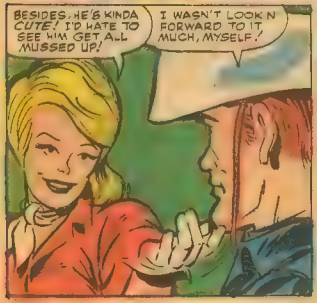

C'MON, SONNY... DON'T JUST STAND THERE! FIGHT BACK! OR DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO FIGHT?
OH, I KNOW HOW! DON'T FRET ABOUT THAT!


MY TROUBLE IS THAT ONCE I GET STARTED...
OOOF!
THUD!


IT'S KINDA HARD FOR ME TO LET UP!
POW!
UHHH...

NOBODY CLOBBERS DUKE JORDAN AND GETS AWAY WITH IT! NOBODY! GRAB 'IM, BOYS!
YOU GENTS MUST BE PRETTY DUMB! DIDN'T YUH SEE WHAT I JUST DID TO YOUR FRIEND? WHAT MAKES YUH THINK YOU'LL GET OFF EASIER?
CALL IT A HUNCH, KID!





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NO! DUKE! HE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM!
TAKE IT EASY, DUKE! I HEERD THE KID'S GOT A LIGHTNING FAST DRAW!
HE "HEERD" RIGHT, DUKE! YOU'D BEST SIMMER DOWN!
HOLD ON... THERE'S NO SENSE GETTIN' YORE-SELF KILLED OVER NUTHIN'!
I WON'T BE THE ONE TO GET KILLED! LET ME GO! I'LL BLAST THAT SQUIRT...
STOP IT, DUKE! YOU'RE ACT'N' LIKE A CHILD, AND I WON'T STAND FOR IT! Y'HEAR ME?!!
OKAY, RUBY, YOU'RE RUNNING THE SHOW! BUT DON'T PUSH IT TOO FAR! I WARN YOU!
WHEW! IT'S OVER! BUT YOU'D BEST STEER CLEAR OF DUKE, KID! HE CARRIES A LONG GRUDGE!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, BUT I CAN HANDLE MYSELF!
TELL ME, THOUGH, HOW A PRETTY GAL COMES TO RUN AN OPERATION LIKE THIS?
THE RAILROAD CHEATED MUH FOLKS OUT OF THEIR LAND! MA AND PAW DIED, DIRT POOR! I DON'T AIM TO! THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?
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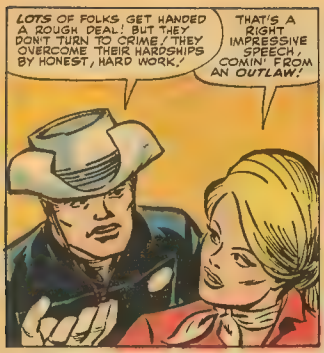
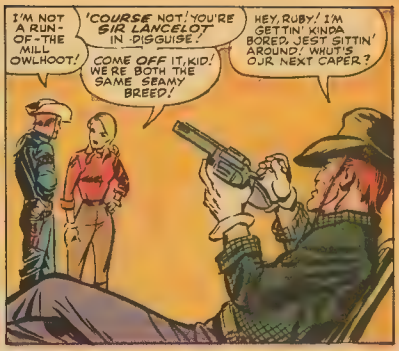
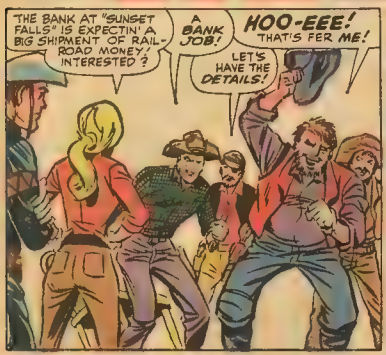
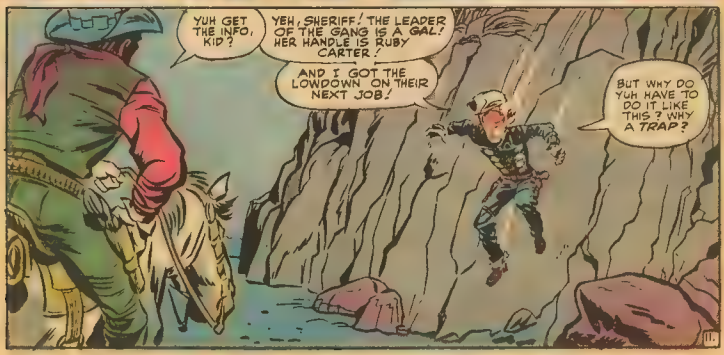

LOTS OF FOLKS GET HANDED A ROUGH DEAL! BUT THEY DON'T TURN TO CRIME! THEY OVERCOME THEIR HARDSHIPS BY HONEST, HARD WORK.'
THAT'S A RIGHT IMPRESSIVE SPEECH, COMIN' FROM AN OUTLAW!

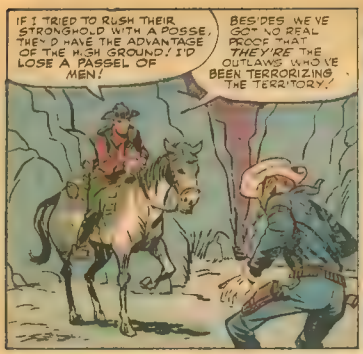

I'M NOT A RUN-OF-THE MILL OWLHOOT!
'COURSE NOT! YOU'RE SIR LANCELOT IN DISGUISE!
COME OFF IT, KID! WE'RE BOTH THE SAME SEAMY BREED!
HEY, RUBY! I'M GETTIN' KINDA BORED, JEST SITTIN' AROUND! WHUT'S OUR NEXT CAPER?

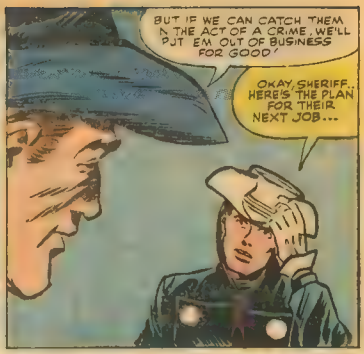

THE BANK AT "SUNSET FALLS" IS EXPECTIN' A BIG SHIPMENT OF RAILROAD MONEY! INTERESTED?
A BANK JOB!
HOO-EEE! THAT'S FER ME!
LET'S HAVE THE DETAILS!

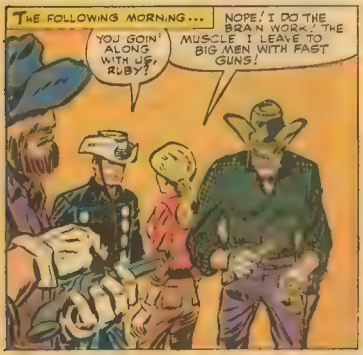
LATER THAT EVENING, IN THE BUNKHOUSE...
THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP! NOW'S MUH CHANCE...

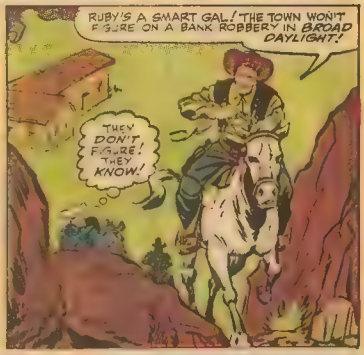
HE SAID HE'D WAIT FOR ME AT THE FOOT OF THE PASS...


YUH GET THE INFO, KID?
YEH, SHERIFF! THE LEADER OF THE GANG IS A GAL! HER HANDLE IS RUBY CARTER!
AND I GOT THE LOWDOWN ON THEIR NEXT JOB!
BUT WHY DO YUH HAVE TO DO IT LIKE THIS? WHY A TRAP?

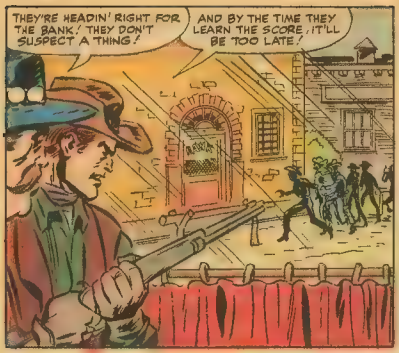

IF I TRIED TO RUSH THEIR STRONGHOLD WITH A POSSE, THEY'D HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE HIGH GROUND! I'D LOSE A PASSEL OF MEN!
BESIDES, WE'VE GOT NO REAL PROOF THAT THEY'RE THE OUTLAWS WHO'VE BEEN TERRORIZING THE TERRITORY!


BUT IF WE CAN CATCH THEM IN THE ACT OF A CRIME, WE'LL PUT EM OUT OF BUSINESS FOR GOOD!
OKAY, SHERIFF... HERE'S THE PLAN FOR THEIR NEXT JOB...

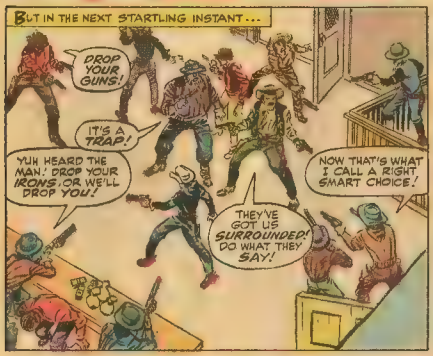

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
YOU GOIN' ALONG WITH US, RUBY?
NOPE! I DO THE BRAIN WORK, THE MUSCLE I LEAVE TO BIG MEN WITH FAST GUNS!


RUBY'S A SMART GAL! THE TOWN WON'T FIGURE ON A BANK ROBBERY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!
THEY DON'T FIGURE! THEY KNOW!

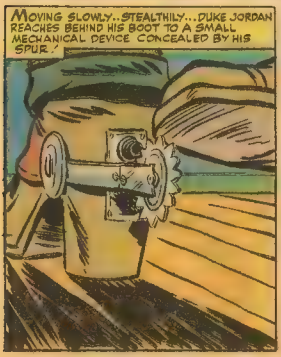
AND WHEN THE GANG REACHES 'SINGET FALLS'...
WHUT ARE WE WAITIN' ON? WHY DON'T WE TAKE EM NOW?
HOLD YOUR FIRE! THE SHERIFF WANTS TO WAIT TILL THEY MAKE THEIR PLAY SO WE CAN CATCH 'EM REDHANDED!

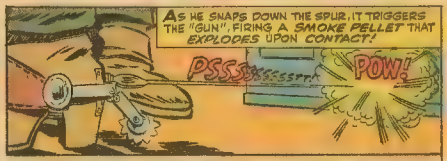

THEY'RE HEADIN' RIGHT FOR THE BANK! THEY DON'T SUSPECT A THING!
AND BY THE TIME THEY LEARN THE SCORE, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!

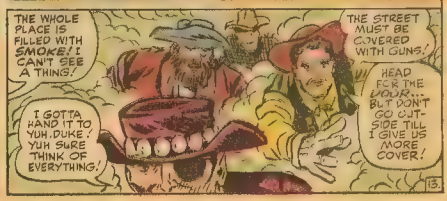
OKAY...EVERYBODY! REACH! PRONTO!
DON'T LOOK SO GRIM, GENTS! IT'S ONLY MONEY!

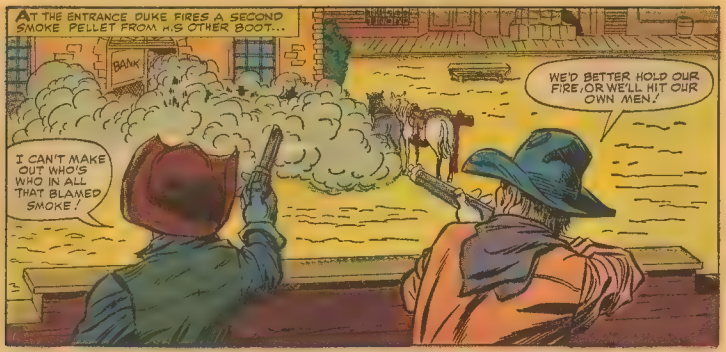

BUT IN THE NEXT STARTLING INSTANT...
DROP YOUR GUNS!
IT'S A TRAP!
YUH HEARD THE MAN! DROP YOUR IRONS, OR WE'LL DROP YOU!
THEY'VE GOT US SURROUNDED! DO WHAT THEY SAY!
NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A RIGHT SMART CHOICE!

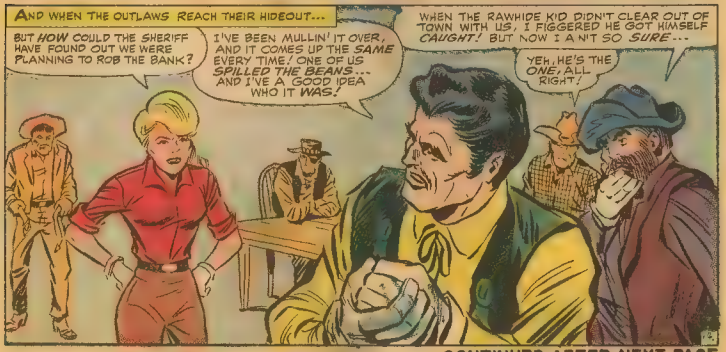
ALL RIGHT, BOYS, MOVE! WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF CELLS WAITIN' FOR YOU!
..OOKS LIKE WE'VE HAD IT!
FOR A LONG TIME I'VE TOTED AROUND A SPECIAL GADGET FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY! HERE'S WHERE IT PAYS OFF!


MOVING SLOWLY...STEALTHILY...DUKE JORDAN REACHES BEHIND HIS BOOT TO A SMALL MECHANICAL DEVICE CONCEALED BY HIS SPUR!


AS HE SNAPS DOWN THE SPUR, IT TRIGGERS THE "GUN", FIRING A SMOKE PELLET THAT EXPLODES UPON CONTACT!
PSSSSSSSSSSTT!
POW!


THE WHOLE PLACE IS FILLED WITH SMOKE! I CAN'T SEE A THING!
I GOTTA HAND IT TO YUH, DUKE! YUH SURE THINK OF EVERYTHING!
THE STREET MUST BE COVERED WITH GUNS!
HEAD FOR THE DOOR... BUT DON'T GO OUTSIDE TILL I GIVE US MORE COVER!





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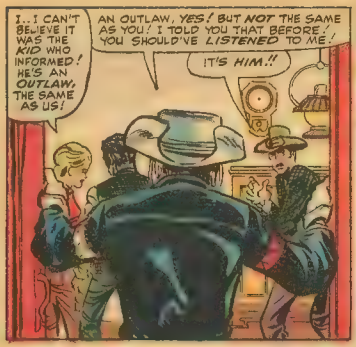
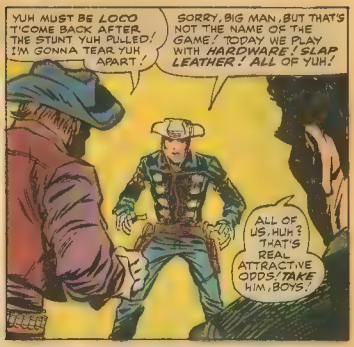
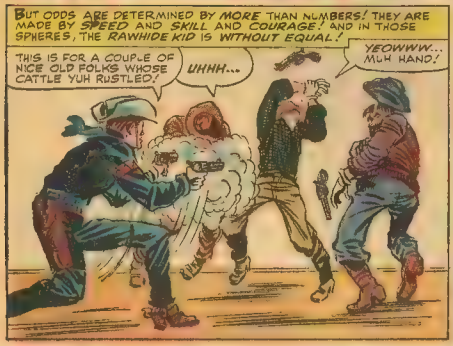
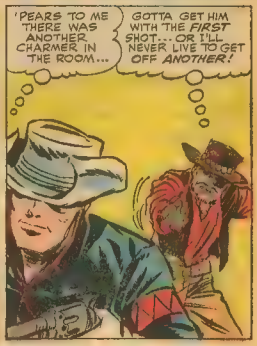
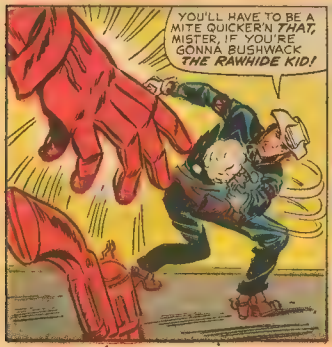
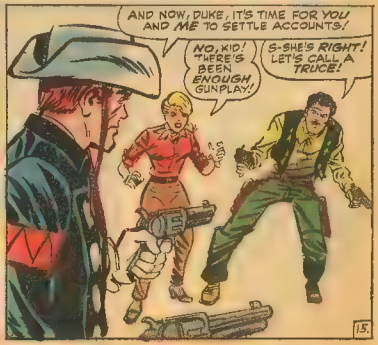

I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS THE KID WHO INFORMED! HE'S AN OUTLAW, THE SAME AS US!
AN OUTLAW, YES! BUT NOT THE SAME AS YOU! I TOLD YOU THAT BEFORE! YOU SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO ME!
IT'S HIM!!


YUH MUST BE LOCO T'COME BACK AFTER THE STUNT YUH PULLED! I'M GONNA TEAR YUH APART!
SORRY, BIG MAN, BUT THAT'S NOT THE NAME OF THE GAME! TODAY WE PLAY WITH HARDWARE! SLAP LEATHER! ALL OF YUH!
ALL OF US, HUH? THAT'S REAL ATTRACTIVE ODDS! TAKE HIM, BOYS!

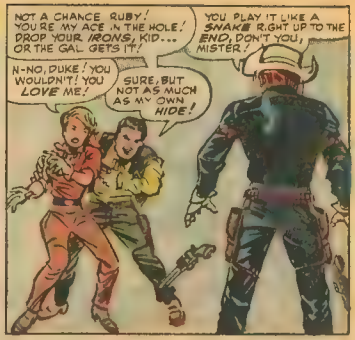

BUT ODDS ARE DETERMINED BY MORE THAN NUMBERS! THEY ARE MADE BY SPEED AND SKILL AND COURAGE! AND IN THOSE SPHERES, THE RAWHIDE KID IS WITHOUT EQUAL!
THIS IS FOR A COUPLE OF NICE OLD FOLKS WHOSE CATTLE YUH RUSTLED!
UHHH...
YEOWWW... MUH HAND!

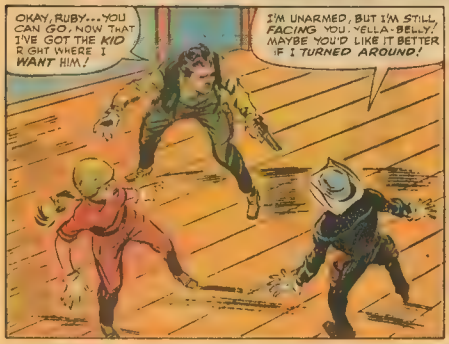

'PEARS TO ME THERE WAS ANOTHER CHARMER IN THE ROOM...
GOTTA GET HIM WITH THE FIRST SHOT... OR I'LL NEVER LIVE TO GET OFF ANOTHER!


YOU'LL HAVE TO BE A MITE QUICKER'N THAT, MISTER, IF YOU'RE GONNA BUSHWACK THE RAWHIDE KID!

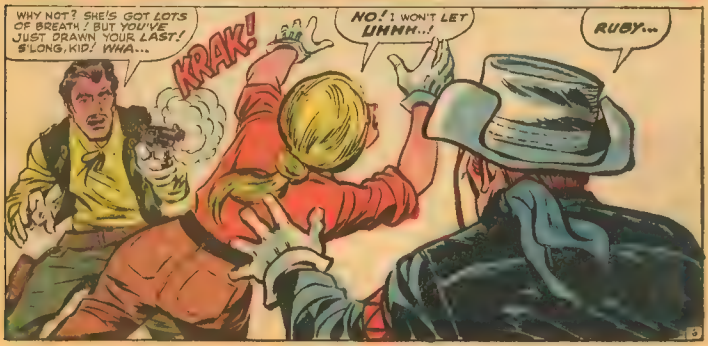

AND NOW, DUKE, IT'S TIME FOR YOU AND ME TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS!
NO, KID! THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH GUNPLAY!
S-SHE'S RIGHT! LET'S CALL A TRUCE!

BUT AS THE STARTLED KID CONSIDERS THE PLEA FOR A TRUCE, HIS TREACHEROUS FOE SPRINGS INTO ACTION!
WHA...
C'MERE, GAL!
LET GO OF ME!


NOT A CHANCE RUBY! YOU'RE MY ACE IN THE HOLE! DROP YOUR IRONS, KID... OR THE GAL GETS IT!
YOU PLAY IT LIKE A SNAKE RIGHT UP TO THE END, DON'T YOU, MISTER!
N-NO, DUKE! YOU WOULDN'T! YOU LOVE ME!
SURE, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS MY OWN HIDE!


OKAY, RUBY... YOU CAN GO. NOW THAT I'VE GOT THE KID RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM!
I'M UNARMED, BUT I'M STILL FACING YOU, YELLA-BELLY! MAYBE YOU'D LIKE IT BETTER IF I TURNED AROUND!

NO, BIG MOUTH, I WANT YOU TO SEE IT COMING! I WANT TO HEAR YOU PLEAD FOR YOUR LIFE!
STOP, DUKE! LET HIM GO!
IT'S USELESS, GAL! DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH!


WHY NOT? SHE'S GOT LOTS OF BREATH! BUT YOU'VE JUST DRAWN YOUR LAST! S'LONG, KID! WHA...
KRAK!
NO! I WON'T LET UHHH..!
RUBY...

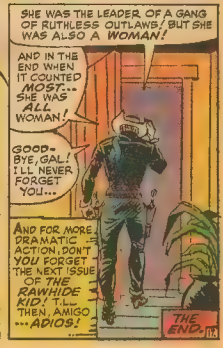
AND THEN, AS AN ENRAGED DUKE JORDAN FIRES AGAIN AT HIS HATED FOE...
KRAK!
I MISSED...
MUST REACH MY GUN...

GOT IT! AND YOU TOO, HOMBRE!
KAPOW!

HIS ENEMY FINISHED, THE KID RACES TO HIS FALLEN BENEFACTOR...
WHY, RUBY? WHY DID YOU DO IT?
WHY DID YOU SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR MINE?
COULDN'T LET HIM KILL YOU...

...TOLD YUH BEFORE THAT YOU'RE TOO CUTE TO BE HURT! LISTEN, KID... MONEY FROM OUR JOBS... BURIED BY BOULDER BEHIND HOUSE... YOU RETURN IT... START A CLEAN, NEW LIFE...
HUSH, HONEY! SAVE YOUR STRENGTH! I'LL GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!
NO... IT'S TOO LATE... I WISH IT COULD'VE BEEN DIFFERENT...

...I WISH I COULD'VE BEEN LIKE OTHER GALS! NOW IT'S TOO LATE... TOO LATE FOR BEAUS AND PARTIES... TOO LATE FOR EVERYTHING...
RUBY! RUBY! S-SHE'S GONE!


SHE WAS THE LEADER OF A GANG OF RUTHLESS OUTLAWS! BUT SHE WAS ALSO A WOMAN!
AND IN THE END WHEN IT COUNTED MOST... SHE WAS ALL WOMAN!
GOOD-BYE, GAL! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU...
AND FOR MORE DRAMATIC ACTION, DON'T YOU FORGET THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE RAWHIDE KID! T.L. THEN, AMIGO ...ADIOS!
THE END

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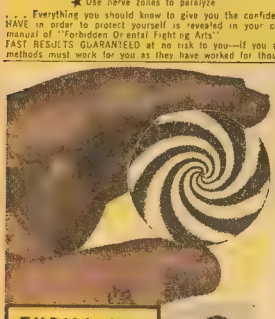

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MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS

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HOW ABOUT THAT! MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS is such a thunderous sensation that you've been clamoring for more of the same! We I, you know us! We're not gonna leave you faithful frantic ones crying in the streets, and so—we're planning to make our former annual mag—MARVEL TALES—also a bi-monthly, just like M.C.I.C.! We haven't set an in-date date for it yet, but keep watching this column—and your newsstands . . . it won't be long now! No, no—don't embarrass us with profuse thanks—we're glad to do it—it's a pleasure—being big kids at heart, we love playing with glue pots and scissors, and cutting up old mags and pasting them down again with tender loving care! And, y'know something? We enjoy looking at those old neo-classics of a few years back ourselves! It's a blast to compare the stories and art with today's towering triumphs! Talk about nostalgia—wow!

ITEM: Remember us promising you a list of famous disc jockeys who are full-fledged Marvelites? Some of you may have thought we were putting you on! Well, here's the living proof, pussycat! Check the following list and see which playful platter-spinners are in YOUR neck of the woods, and then—if you're really with it—drop 'im a congratulatory note, as one bullpen buddy to another. They'll get a real kick out of hearing from a fellow Marvel madman, and you'll realize once again that we kiddets thee not! (By the way, if your favorite d.j. hasn't yet joined our rollickin' ranks, a few frenzied letters from some frantic fans will probably make 'Im realize what he's missing! Anyway, it's the least we can do, since mighty Marvel's taking over the whole chicken-scratchin' world!) And now, let us doff our hats as we reverently read the following names with rare and rapturous respect. (In alphabetical order, natch!)

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Welcome aboard, tigers! You're one of us now—and there's not a dry eye left in the bullpen!

DIDJA KNOW? The world-famous movie writer/director, FEDERICO FELLINI, dropped in to visit the gang at the bullpen last Nov. 3rd! It was a big thrill for us Marvel madmen—and we hope the same goes for Signor Fellini! He really seems to dig our mags, and we spent a wonderful couple of hours showing him around and swapping stories! So, the next time someone gives you a disdainful look when you mention being a Marvel reader, you might just casually mention the kinda company you're in! (Not to mention the countless college cliques thruout the free world who are forming Merry Marvel Campus Chapters faster than we can keep track of 'em!)

STRICTLY PERSONAL: At last it can be told! The REAL NAME of admirable ADAM AUSTIN—most of you newer readers won't recognize it, but those of you who remember us from the days of our former triumphs will instantly remember who he is—in fact, some of you have already guessed his identity! Anyway, to end the suspense, let's bid farewell to A.A., and welcome gallant GENE COLAN to the fold, in all his glory! Gene did sci-fix yarns, westerns, war tales, and just about everything you can think of years ago for Marvel—and, just between us, he's better today than ever!

ITEM: Don't dare miss the first guest appearance in months of your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man! He's co-starred in DAREDEVIL #16, on sale the beginning of March—and you'll stand up and cheer when you see the brilliant interpretation that jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA gives to everybody's favorite web-spinner! It's one of the high-spots of an already sensation-packed comics season!

THE WRAP-UP: Some loyal Marvelites have expressed concern over the fact that, although we were once tolerant of our competition, we now seem to be openly critical of them—and we feel we owe you an explanation for this definite change of policy. In a nutshell, the situation is this: As you know, Marvel has spent years trying to upgrade the art of comic magazines—for, an art it truly is, every bit as much as the cinema, the legitimate stage, or any other form of creative endeavor. We don't resent competition—indeed, we welcome it. But, we DO resent shabby, carelessly-produced, badly-written and -drawn, conscienceless IMITATIONS of our Marvel mags—imitations which are callously lacking in quality, and which are produced for the sole purpose of making a fast profit in the very field which they themselves are helping to keep at the bottom of the artistic totem pole! We have been flooded with indignant letters from readers who have bought issues of the various Brand Echhs now on sale and have been shocked at the undisguised effort these opportunists have made to confuse the public into believing that their titles are the same as Marvel's! One such company has gone so far as to change its name and trademark so that the reader might think it truly IS a Marvel publication! If these so-called competitors would expend an equal amount of creative effort on the CONTENT of their mags, we'd have no complaint. But all they are doing is confusing the public, and giving new ammunition to those who choose to downgrade comics! That is our position! And this is our promise to you—no matter what befalls, no matter how rocky the road ahead may be, your staff here at the Marvel bullpen will never compromise with quality! Our stories, our art, our lettering, and our coloring will always be the best that money can obtain—the finest that dedicated craftsmen can produce! Though the newsstands grow ever more cluttered with inferior imitations, the mighty Marvel magazines will still stand out like shining beacons, guiding you to the finest in reading entertainment! That is our promise, our pledge, our credo! You've made us what we are today—you deserve nothing less! 'Nuff said!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

FANTASTIC FOUR #51: This one features the Thing, more daring and dramatic than you've ever seen him before! And you won't soon forget—the Changeling!

SPIDER-MAN #37: "Once Upon a Time There Was a Robot!" Behind that off beat title is one of Spidey's greatest battles, as a new mystery slowly unfolds!

AVENGERS #28: At last! The return of Giant-Man! But—wait'll you see him now! A different costume! A different name!—Even a new and different villain! Wow!

X-MEN #20: Not one—not two—but THREE great old-time foes return to menace our mindcap mutants! Lucifer! Unus! The Blob! What more need we say?

DAREDEVIL #16: This is the big one! The Man Without Fear battles your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man to a fare-thee-well . . . and adventuredom will never be the same!

THOR #128: We had to do it! We've had Pluto warming up in the wings for months! For sheer power, for stark villainy, you've never seen his like! And when he meets Thor and Hercules—look out!

STRANGE TALES #145: If anyone can beat Nick Fury, Agent of Shield, the Druid might do it! As for Doc Strange, he has a surprise or two up his sleeve, as always!

SUSPENSE #78: Never has Iron Man reached greater heights of glory than now, in his battle with Ultimo! While Captain America meets Nick Fury in the tale you've been waiting for!

ASTONISH #80: Even If Sub-Mariner can find a way to defeat the Behemoth, there is a greater danger awaiting him! But, how about the Hulk? He's torn between Tyrannus (remember him?) and the Mole Man (likewise)!

SGT. FURY #30: This time Fury's fightin' fanatics do their howlin' in sunny Italy—only with the trouble they're in now, they haven't much time to notice the climate! It's a blockbuster!

MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS #3: The latest issue of the most talked-about new title of all! No need to tell which classics are featured—by the time you've finished reading this, it's probably been sold out!

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Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

Richard Storts, Chillicothe, Ohio
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Mark Vaughan, Steubenville, Ohio
Noel Scott, Laddon, Mo.
Rose Wah, Lewisburg, Tenn.
Mary Vermon, Flemington, N. J.
Jim Dressler, Dallas, Tex.
Dale Naliello, Lyndhurst, N. J.
Bobbie Jordan, Vienna, Ga.
Joe Smith, Bassett, Va.
Harry Holcher, Flint, Mich.
Dennis Perrota, San Antonio, Tex.
Don Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Frank Scalise, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Greg Miller, Steubenville, Ohio
Charles Porter, Monroe, Maine
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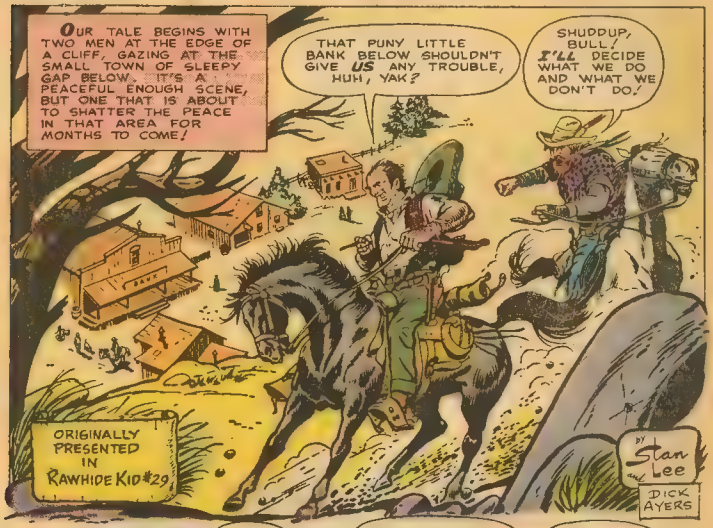
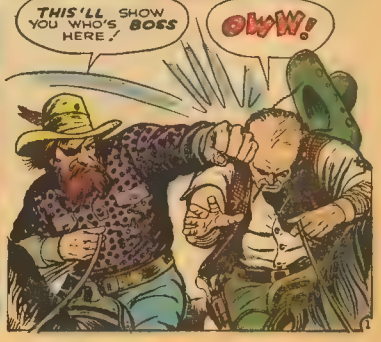
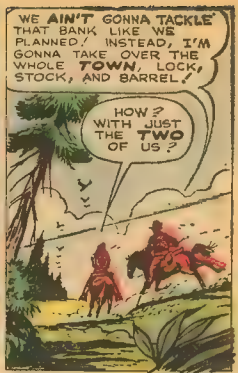
YAK YANCY, THE MAN WHO TREED A TOWN



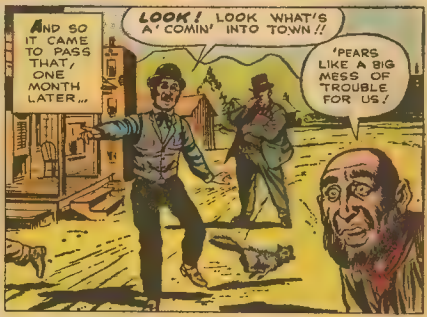


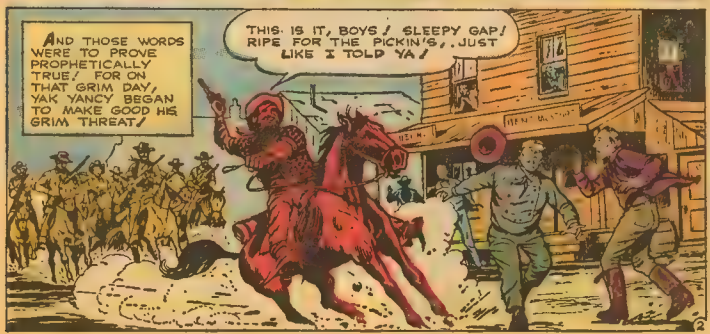
GOT ANY OTHER COMPLAINTS, BULL?
N-NO, YAK!

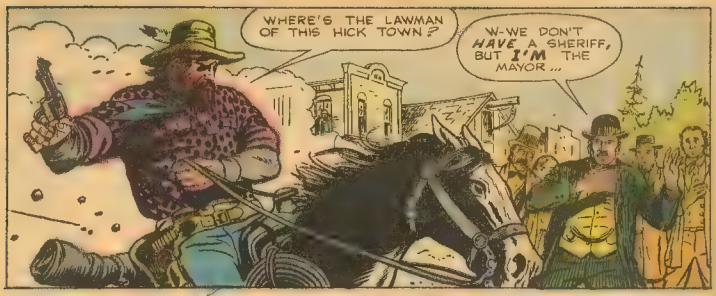
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, YAK?

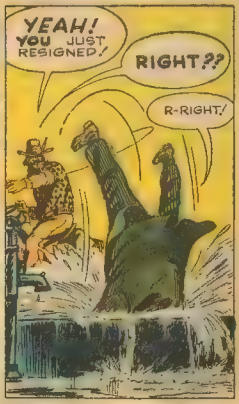

WE AIN'T GONNA TACKLE THAT BANK LIKE WE PLANNED! INSTEAD, I'M GONNA TAKE OVER THE WHOLE TOWN, LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL!
HOW? WITH JUST THE TWO OF US?

NO, YOU DUMB HYENA! I'M GONNA HIRE ME THE FASTEST GUNS IN THE TERR-TORY, AND I'M GONNA LEAD 'EM!


AND SO IT CAME TO PASS THAT, ONE MONTH LATER...
LOOK! LOOK WHAT'S A' COMIN' INTO TOWN!!
'PEARS LIKE A BIG MESS OF TROUBLE FOR US!


AND THOSE WORDS WERE TO PROVE PROPHETICALLY TRUE! FOR ON THAT GRIM DAY, YAK YANCY BEGAN TO MAKE GOOD HIS GRIM THREAT!
THIS IS IT, BOYS! SLEEPY GAP! RIPE FOR THE PICKIN'S, JUST LIKE I TOLD YA!





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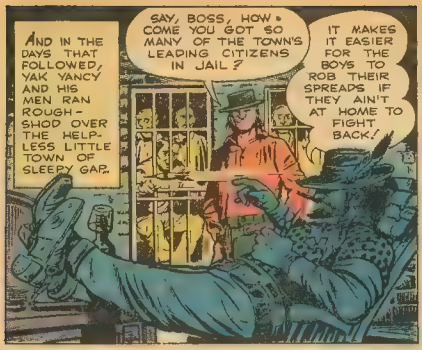

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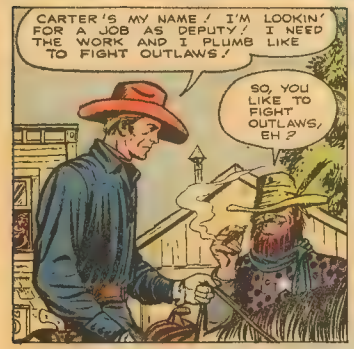

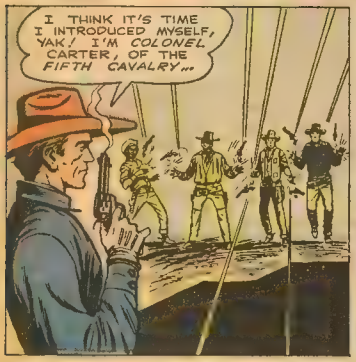

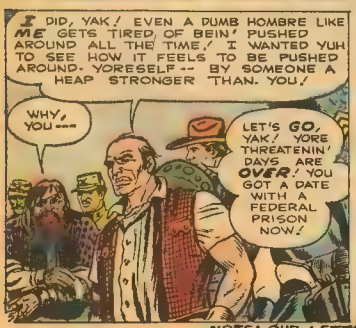

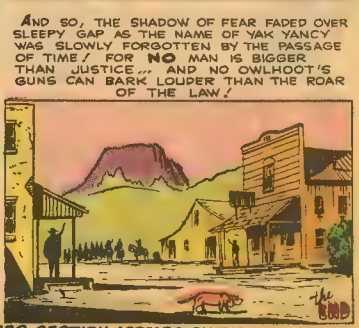

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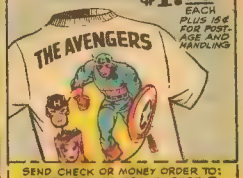

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RIDIN' THE TRAIL WITH RAWHIDE

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:
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Dear Stan and Larry,

I really enjoyed RAWHIDE KID #48, but then, that's nothing new. I've said before that I think Rawhide is your best western character. In fact, he's your best character, period! Hold your plugs in the westerns to your other cowboy books. Here's my vote for a western annual featuring your western heroes. Earl H. Dill, Jr., 4219 Thorncliff Rd. Baltimore, Md. 21236

As for the western annual, we're still working on it—and you can bet that, if and when it's ready, you'll read about it here! *One* thing is certain—you *won't* see it mentioned in a Brand Echh mag!

Dear Stan and Larry,

Being a girl, I'm not interested in outlaws, but for the first time in RAWHIDE KID #50, I enjoyed a cowboy story. The part where Rawhide's sister-in-law doesn't like him was very realistic. I think you should have Rawhide do something to make his brother's wife like him. Also, I think he should have some romances, 'cause I like them and I think they would make more girls buy and read the magazine. I'm looking forward to the next issue! Gail Worden, 110 Proctor St. Waterbury, Conn.

Next thing we know, gal, you'll be suggestin' that MILLIE THE MODEL have a shoot-out with PATSY WALKER! Seriously, though, how do the rest of you rannies feel about Gail's idea? Larry kinda likes it, 'cause he gets a kick out of drawing pretty girls!

Dear Stan and Larry,

I have just finished reading RAWHIDE KID #50. To add to your king-sized list of boo-boos, I hereby call your attention to page 10, panel 5, where you show Rawhide with yellow hair and gloves. Big deal! It was STILL the best cowboy mag I've read in a long time. The art reminded me of ol' King Kirby's masterpieces. And the story didn't have a dull moment. Number 49 was another big stride forward in the field of cowboy comics. I hope to see the team of smiling Stan, laughing Larry and capricious Carl produce the next zillion ishes of RAWHIDE KID. 'Nuff said!
Robert Liepa, 250 Fairmont Ave. Ottawa 3, Ont., Canada

You call that a *king-size* boo-boo, Bob? Shucks, compared to *some* we've made, that was just a tiny, little dogie of an error! Wait'll we have a *really* bad day . . .! Anyhow, thanks for the kind words, pard!

Dear Stan and Larry,

You showed Jesse James in one of your comics—I think it was RAWHIDE KID! Which one isn't really important; the reason why I'm writing you is because of the way you showed the character of Jesse James. You showed him ugly, stupid, and not good enough to bear that legendary James name. Some of us like to believe that Jesse was nice, clever and cute. Please try to bring back Jesse, but with a better personality. Yours are my favorite comics, and, like everyone else, I'm a true reader. Betty Castillo, 98161 Pahemo St. Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii

Maybe we *were* a mite rough on ol' Jesse, but it seems to us that he did his fair share of robbin' and shootin', Betty! And we don't take kindly to crime, no matter *who* commits it!

IS YOUR HAIR GROWING OR GOING?

Stand in front of a mirror. Take a long hard look at the top of your head. Do you have as much hair as one year ago? Do you see any new hair growth?

If your answer is no, it is important that you take steps today to save the hair you now have. If you act now, you may be able to reverse the trend on your head. You may be able to grow new hair faster than it is falling out. Doesn't that make sense to you? Wouldn't you like to look in the mirror a year from now and see more hair on your head than you see now? Why lose your hair if you don't have to?

CAN YOU SAVE YOUR HAIR?

Every year thousands of men and women go bald — needlessly — because of a scalp infection. This scalp infection is called seborrhea. Doctors say that three germ organisms cause seborrhea: staphyloccocus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and microbacillus. These germs attack the sebacious glands and the hair follicles themselves. If not checked, permament damage is done. The hair follicles atrophy, lose their ability to produce new hairs. The result: premature baldness.

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I must admit I didn't have much faith in it, but I hadn't been using Ward's one week before I could see it was helping me. I could feel my hair getting thicker.
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After using Ward's for only 12 days, my hair has stopped falling out.
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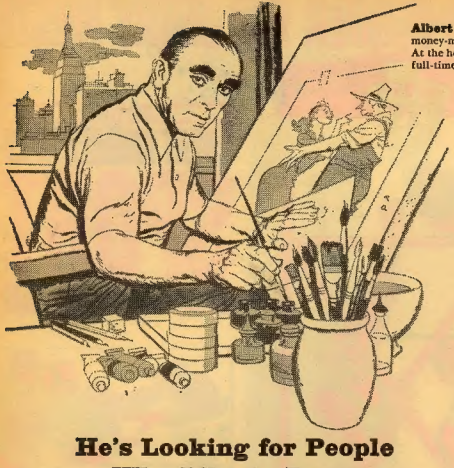

Albert Dorne—probably the greatest money-maker in the history of commercial art. At the height of his career, he began a full-time search for people who like to draw.

He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the People Dorne Has Helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

Don Golemba of Detroit is another. He stepped up from railroad worker to the styling department of a big automobile company—by showing his work with the School. Now he helps design new-car models.

Pat Browning wanted to escape from her dull typing job to something creative. Soon after studying with us, she was promoted to full-time artist with the same firm—at much more money.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

Eric Ericson worked in a garage while he studied art at night. Today he is a successful artist, earns seven times as much, and is building a new home for his family.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could help only a few of these people, he called together America's most successful artists—men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

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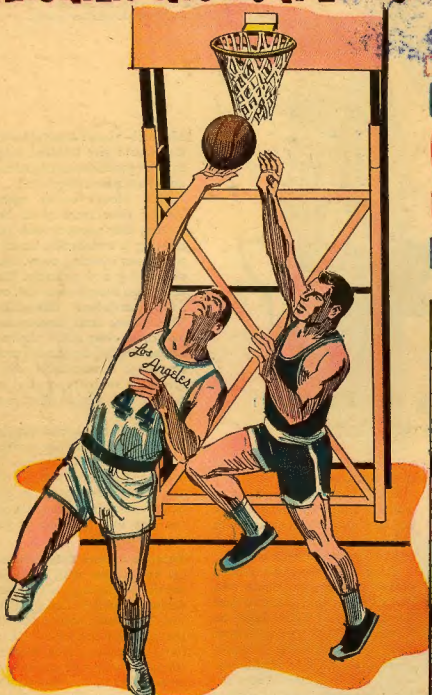

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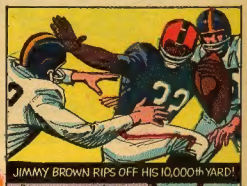

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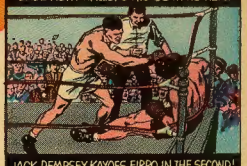
BABE RUTH WALLOPS HIS 60th HOMER!



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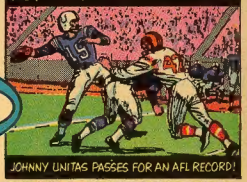

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